

BACH CANTATA SERVICE

Festival Eucharist for Advent/Christmas
9 a.m. 23rd December 2012

*includes J.S. Bach's festive chorale cantata
for Christmas Day*

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (BWV 91)
*for 4 soloists, chorus, strings, 3 oboes,
2 horns, timpani and continuo*

Jennifer Cook (soprano)

Anna Plotka (alto)

Timothy Reynolds (tenor)

Nathan Lay (bass)

The St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra
directed by Graham Lieschke



St Johns Southgate

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Director of Music: Graham Lieschke

The **St Johns Cantata Program** is an ongoing program presenting the cantatas and choral music of J.S. Bach in the context for which it was written, liturgical Lutheran church services. The services include organ music on St John's splendid 1992 Smenge pipe organ and congregational singing of chorales and liturgy. With this cantata, the program enters its 16th year, having presented almost 100 different cantatas, the B Minor Mass, the Christmas Oratorio, the Magnificat, and several Latin masses over 120 events. The **St Johns Bach Orchestra** plays on original instruments. The church's original instrument collection includes a 1996 Smenge chamber organ, and pairs of oboes da caccia, baroque timpani and cornetti. The program is directed by Dr Graham Lieschke.

The program has developed substantial local and international collaborations. Dr Lieschke was awarded the 2004 Dame Roma Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to cultivate links with similar programs overseas. **St Johns Visiting Music Directors** have been Thomas Schmidt (2004, St Peter's Lutheran Church, New York, USA), Georg Christoph Biller (2006, Thomaskantor, Leipzig, Germany) and Albrecht Koch (2010, Domkantor, Freiberg, Germany). An occasional scholarship program has supported the involvement of young Australian musicians.

Events are arranged on a rolling basis. Current program details are:

RECENT EVENTS

Thurs/17/May	Gott fährt auf mit Jauchzen (BWV 43)
Sun/3/Jun	Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf (BWV 226)
Sun/26/Aug	Die Elenden sollen essen (BWV 75)
Sun/9/Sept	Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (BWV 180)
Sun/28/Oct	Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort (BWV 126)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun/23/Dec	Festival Eucharist for Advent/Christmas
9:00 a.m.	Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (BWV 91) St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra

More details about the 2013 program will be announced in January

Sun/17/Feb	Eucharist – 1 st Sunday in Lent
9:00 a.m.	Darzu ist erschienen der Sohn Gottes (BWV 40) St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra

The program is an activity of the St Johns Southgate congregation. To help us maintain the ongoing presentation of Bach's cantatas, your support is greatly appreciated. The **St Johns Southgate Bach Foundation Inc** was formed in June 2011 to encourage donations and other activities supporting the program. For enquiries and to make a donation, contact Graham Lieschke through the church office at <stjohnssouthgate@internode.on.net>. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.